**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

**ON SATURDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2022 at 10:00am**

**PRESENT:**

**Alex P, Louise F, Deb H, Chris H, Richard P, Martin S, Mick P, Maggie P, Paul C, Kevin J, Wendie K, Tony K, Dave Scorah, Michael Judd, Marlene H, Paul T, Dawn T, Wilko Van Kleef, Ian Clampin, Lisa Rumecin, Emma Broxholme.**

**Attendees:**

**Total in attendance 21. Meeting opened at 10am by President.**

Paul Clark opened the meeting, thanking everyone for attending. None of the officers reports would be read out as they had all been circulated prior to the meeting. All elections of officers will be carried out en bloc. This meeting will be recorded for reporting purposes.

**01.22 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

**BALDWIN TROPHY – Pete Cotter (Mayflower)**

**BILL GRIGGS TROPHY – Amelia Chumber (Noak Hill)**

**BILL TUCKER AWARD – Michael Bell (Ardleigh)**

**GRAHAM SIBLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY – Matt Prior (Mayflower)**

**VICTOR LUDORUM TROPHY – Not Awarded**

**JUNIOR MILLENNIUM TROPHY – Not Awarded**

**THELMA DAVISON SALVER – Martin Sage (Blue Arrows)**

**THELMA DAVISON CUP – Samuel Birdsall ( AGB Direct)**

**JOE DORMER SHIELD – Not Awarded**

**ANY OTHER AWARDS – Exec voted HLM for Iris Major and Marlene Hutchins for their dedication and commitment over many years with the ECAA.**

**02.22 COUNTY TEAM AWARDS:**

SENIOR COLOURS (Target): Emma Winning (Phoenix Archers) Allan Horne (Noak Hill)

SENIOR DATE BARS (Target): Mark Turner (Noak Hill) Tony Gedalovitch (Noak Hill) Jason Pretlove (Phoenix) Eric Mallet (Abbey) Sharon Lawrence (Noak Hill) Allan Horne (Noak Hill) Kevin Juniper (CTRA) Michael Judd (Mayflower) Wendie King (Mayflower)

JUNIOR COLOURS (Target): Ella Clampin (West Essex)

JUNIOR DATE BARS (Target): Imogen Newby (Braintree) Samuel Birdsall (AGB Direct)

FIELD COLOURS:

**03.22 SUMMER OUTDOOR LEAGUE:**

Div.1 Noak Hill Archers Highest Gent - Wilco Van Kleef Bolton (Noak Hill) Highest Lady - Rhiannon Easton (Noak Hill)

**04.22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Sean Fortune, Mark Lawrence, Sharon Lawrence, Matt Prior, Anna Heaven, Iris Major, Alan & June Drinkwater.

**05.22 MINUTES OF AGM 20TH FEBRUARY 2021**

Checked for accuracy and accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Deb Horn, seconded by Dawn Tolson and passed NemCon.

Please see attached

**06.22 MATTERS ARISING**:

None

A minutes silence was held in remembrance of Louise Sinclair, Tom Major and Colin Wolf

**07.22 PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

The year has been ravaged by covid, and have we learnt to live and adapt: - We have seen the County Council meeting taking place on Zoom; Competition organisers putting in extra measures so competitions are able to go ahead; and archers accepting these measures and giving helpful advice.

During the year I was fortunate to judge several National and Regional events as well as out of county shoots. I was very pleased to see many of our travelling archers not only at these events, but competing at the highest level and even achieving the title of National Champion.

At the end of January, I took the short trip to Blue Arrows in Ipswich. They were putting on their first indoor shoot, and what a good job they did. They tried a new system of storing the bows behind the equipment line, which was great success and the talk of the shoot by those who were there. I look forward to other clubs/shoots using it. I’ve heard whispers that there could be other shoots being hosted by Blue Arrows just a short trip up the A12 to a brilliant facility.

Now for this year, I look forward to things getting back to normal or the new normal? We can and must play a big part in this by participating in our clubs, attending other clubs’ competitions as well as regional and national events - To keep alive the great tradition of Essex and Suffolk archery and show the rest of the Country that we are a force to be reckoned with. Watch out for new initiatives run by the County, especially by our County Coaching team. Please put your scores in to the Team Managers, to give yourself a chance to represent the County. Imagine going from club archer to calling yourself a County archer.

The best way to get back to a normal life is to get involved.

Don’t ask what your club or county can do for you, ask what you can do for club or county!

See you on the shooting line soon

Paul Clark

**OFFICERS’ REPORTS (All reports had been circulated via email prior to the meeting)**

**08.22 REPORT FROM HON. SECRETARY:**

As another interesting year draws to a close, we have a chance to look back on how the county has coped with the challenges the pandemic continues to throw at us. As always, work has continued behind the scenes to allow archery to continue, and this year has seen a great deal of collaboration between clubs to allow as many archers as possible the opportunity to shoot.

There have as usually been some changes of personnel across the county’s clubs, and these details have been circulated. Please continue to keep me up to date with any changes in contact details for your club. These will also appear on the website for potential new archers to find.

Communication continues to be at the forefront of my conscious and you should have noticed that you are now receiving emails directly from me rather than through your club. There have been a few teething difficulties with this, due to trying to reach such a large grip of people, but plans are in place over the next few weeks to solve some of these difficulties. If you are not receiving emails from me, please let me know and I will endeavour to socle the issue. In a further bid to aid communication, there are also plans to launch an ECAA newsletter, so watch this space.

Despite the many challenges we have all faced, our sport remains popular, and this year we have almost 1400 archers register with AGB, throughout 38 clubs, plus direct members. Our clubs range in size from single figures to over 150 members and it is fantastic to see the county providing opportunities for so many people.

As we now strive to get back to some semblance of normality, it would be great to see many of you out and about across the county enjoying your archery.

Here’s to a brilliant 2022. Happy shooting.

**09.22 REPORT FROM HON. TREASURER:**

**Please see accounts attached**

Income and Expenses Account for the Year ended 31st December 2021 tabled. Proposed by The Treasurer (M Skinner) to adopt the Accounts and Balance Sheet, seconded by Chris Higgins and agreed by all in attendance.

**10:22 REPORT FROM GENERAL MEMBER:**

Not a lot to report from the General Member Inbox, just two requests for funding support for ECAA archers who were selected to represent Great Britain in Europe-based tournaments - both requests were approved. All members reminded that the general member was a conduit for all member enquiries and to be able to address questions to the committee.

**11.22 REPORT FROM SENIOR RECORDS (TARGET/ FLIGHT/ CLOUT) OFFICER: Mark Lawrence**

Firstly, I would like to apologise for not being able to make this year’s AGM, first one I think I have missed since I starting shooting.

 This year we have had quite a few new records achieved, even more impressive when you consider the year we have had.

We had in excess of 20 claims unfortunately one or two had to be turned down but don’t let that put anyone off, just keep up the great work and the scores will come.

All records claimed have been for Target so come on people what about Clout we haven’t had any new records in that for quite a while, I recommend everyone gives it a go at least one just to experience this other form of archery.

Some of you may have noticed a delay in receiving your certificates this is really just an admin issue as the chairman has to sign your certificates and due to covid we have just not been able to get together, but all should now have been resolved.

I am happy to carry on as your records officer if the county membership is happy with me doing so, but if anyone else is thinking about giving it a go I would be happy to take you through all that is required before handover.

Mark Lawrence

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**12.22 REPORT FROM JUNIOR RECORDS (TARGET/ FLIGHT/ CLOUT) OFFICER:**

I have received a total of 7 junior records, so well done to all those archers who broke a county record for 2021 and a special mention to Amelia Chumber, who again , managed to break another European & UK record this year..



Please remember that if you wish to represent your county you must send in your scores, if your club is not sending them in then please send them in yourselves.

There were no scores from any Compound archer so the Joe Dormer trophy will not be awarded this year.

The Top 10 archers was not been updated last year due to low turnout in scores but I will be starting this up again for 2022 so please keep scores coming in.

 If there were any issues in 2021 in reporting scores etc, please feel free to let me know .

Finally; I would like to say a big thank you to the club records officers who took the time and trouble to send in the scores of their junior archers and also to the juniors and their parents who also sent in scores direct.

And to wish everyone a very safe & successful 2022.

Tony King

**13.22 REPORT FROM FIELD RECORDS OFFICER**

2021 was an improvement for field archery tournaments taking place when eventually lockdowns were downgraded to being able to shoot with certain rules to keep everyone safe. However, I am pleased to report that there were three records claimed by a young lady from Noak Hill Archers shooting the Womens Under Eighteen Barebow section, and that is Amelia Chumber. She started at the All British Field Championships, which was hosted at Overton Black Arrows at the end of May where she shot a World Archery 24 Mixed round (half of the round the distances are un-marked, and the remainder are marked) and scored 183, this being an Open Record, which means no other archer had claimed the record. Then in August she went to Merlin Archers and shot the WA 24 Marked round and claimed the Open Record of 202, followed by increasing her record for the same round at the County Field Championships at Panthers to 213 in October. I would like to personally congratulate Amelia on her achievements, and to wish her good luck for the future There are no awards for the County Field Colours and or Bars for 2021 I would like to wish everyone all the best for 2A22, and hope more Field Tournaments take place, as restrictions are being eased, which will leave hopefully for new records to be claimed

Marion Saville

**14.22 REPORT FROM OUTDOOR LEAGUE SECRETARY:**

The Summer (Albion) League of 2021 was shot in line with 'Covid' regulations turning it into a postal league with clubs shooting their matches on home ground. Just six teams entered and were placed into one division. Well done to Noak Hill for coming top and to Ardleigh for holding up the others. Congratulations also to Rhiannon Easton and Wilco Van Kleef-Bolton, top lady and gent, both from Noak Hill. With the virus still amongst us and new variants cropping up, the

2022 Summer League set-up is still unsure. At the time of writing I do not have many entrants but, hopefully, more will be with me by the time you read this and the league will go ahead in some form.

The Andy Harris League commenced in October as usual, albeit with a reduced entry of 15 teams which were placed in two divisions. There was the possibility of restrictions on indoor venues but, so far, this has not happened.

It is with some regret that I have decided not to stand again for re-election as Summer League Secretary (Organiser). It is 39-years since I took over this role so it is sad for me to make this decision and it has not been made lightly. However, personal events and the changing face of the Summer League make it feel the right time for me to stand down. I will, of course, help the new Organiser in any way I can. I wish that person as much enjoyment in running the League as I have had and my thanks to everyone for all the support I have received over the years.

Marlene Hutchins League Secretary 1983-2022

**15.22 REPORT FROM COACHING ORGANISER:**

Coaching across the counties has had a better year than last year as archery has been able to more or less return to some semblance of normality.

The last weekend in January saw the best evidence of a return to normality with the beginning of our Archer Development Days. They are planned for the last Saturday of each month January - April and follow the same format as the sessions in 2019 - 2020 with a combination of coaching, talks and H2H simulations. Thanks are due to Braintree Bowmen for lending us the use of their venue and equipment and to the coaches who have volunteered their time. There is plenty or capacity to welcome more archers (first class and above) and coaches; if you would like to be included, please get in touch.

Coach development continues to follow the new blended format launched by AGB last year. This means that the bulk of the Session Coach (Level 1) modules are online and organised centrally by AGB. Archers interested in becoming a Session Coach need to register for the online modules on Sport 80. Last summer, I piloted the two practical days in Suffolk and plan to hold another round of practical days this year. These too, must be booked through Sport 80. The Development Coach (L2) course is still not quite ready.

With regards to CPD, I ran a series of online sessions over the summer on a range of topics. Unfortunately, they were very poorly attended. There was also an informal 'Coaching Forum' which had a slightly bigger turnout. Part of the problem was the difficulty I had reaching coaches who had not signed up for the mailing list. Deb has recently been able to solve this issue and we are now able to email everyone so communication should be a lot easier going forwards.

Renewals have continued throughout the year thanks to David Scorah. AGB no longer send reminders so please remember to keep an eye on when your renewal is due.

In the county, we currently have the following coaches:

Senior - 1

County - 3

Level 2 - 10

Level 1/Session Coach - 37

**16.22 REPORT FROM TEAM MANAGER:**

It was a rather quiet year in 2021 with the continuing Covid situation.

We were not able to have the Intercounty Indoor Competition as there were still partial lockdown restrictions, however there was a friendly 10-way Tournament held in Hertfordshire which was well attended with a chance to get out and meet people again.

ECAA were well represented with a full team and came away with several medals, both individual and teams

It was hoped that the Tournament could be a yearly event. unfortunately, this will not be held this year due to organisational issues.

 The Portsmouth postal league is up and running again but there have not been as many participants as last year, possibly due to some clubs not having use of their indoor facilities, but we still hope for success.

Events for this year are as follows:

4-way Indoor Competition 19th February 2022

3 County outdoor Event (possibly WA1440) 22nd May 2022

National County Team Championships 24/25 September 2022

That’s it from me. Good Shooting

Sharon Lawrence

**17.22 REPORT FROM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

A challenging time to be elected to a new role of Development Officer for ECAA; the stop start nature of CoVID and balancing emerging out of that both professionally and within the archery community has been difficult.

However, progress has been made with the top level research undertaken and an overview shared during the year. This overview focuses on some simple observations and insights that need to be aligned and fleshed out through discussion with the membership at all levels.

1. The evolving nature of ECAA and the perception of the association with the ‘grass roots members’

2. Understanding how clubs have changed over the past 10 years – understanding membership trends

3. Challenges faced by individual clubs – Committee Based Feedback

4. Challenges faced by individual Members – Member based feedback

5. Understanding key drivers for participation in Archery

o Pastime - Hobby – Sport – Competitions

6. Building a platform to engage with the different drivers of Archers

7. Understanding the issues clubs face

8. Coaching

9. Guidance and resource

10. Participation

The next phase is to conduct research some of which will be undertaken on Teams, allowing for workshops with various groups to be undertaken ‘face to face’. There will also be questionnaires developed and shared to allow the broader membership to be drawn into the discussion

During qtr2 it is hoped to have drawn enough feedback to begin to further develop the layered approach to development and more importantly engagement into an outline plan.

This plan will rely on drawing ‘seconded’ representatives into the sub-committee to begin the process of delivering a plan. Here it will be important that sub-committee representatives are drawn from every layer of the membership if possible.

It will take time; it isn’t a magic bullet it will require consideration and input from all. If you want to get involved sooner, please feel free to get in touch development@ecaa.org.uk

**18.22 REPORTS FROM TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:**

 **18.22a Indoor**

No report submitted

 **18.22b Clout**

No report submitted

**18.22c Target**

What a strange year. Second time starting like that, almost cancelled the event a couple of times but I am go pleased we didn’t. We finished up with 53 archers in attendance over the two days.

Noak Hill Archers made us very welcome and I would like to personally thank them for helping out the county with a one-off fee reduction this year for the ground, it was highly appreciated and meant we made a small profit over the weekend.

There were some good scores gained with six rose awards claimed and one six gold end, but almost as importantly everyone seemed to have a great day out shooting.

Moving on this coming year we are moving to a single day combining the Junior and Senior competitions on Sunday 29th May 2022, due to the lifting of distancing measures we should be able to accommodate everyone on a single day.

With that can I put a big shout out to all the juniors and their parents, would love to welcome you all to the county outdoor shoot, you will only be shooting a distance that is appropriate for your age and you can meet loads of other archers from all over the county, it’s also quite a fun day out.

That’s enough from me, I am sorry I couldn’t be in attendance today but if there are any questions, please pass them through this meeting I will get back to you.

Mark Lawrence

**18.22d WA 1440**

As many of you are probably aware July 2021 WA1440 did not go ahead as this was due to low number of entries. This could have been due to myself not releasing entry forms early enough but due to the pandemic and the restrictions the government put in place I was holding back till the government changed the restrictions to see if we could actually still host the WA1440 in July. But even with my best efforts of spreading the word far and wide it just wasn't to be.

I’m willing to stand again as WA1440 TO for 2022 for it to be hosted at RTAC.

As many of you are aware RTAC has moved to a new section of the Runwell Sports and Social Club and we are still currently in the process of getting things finished off in the club house and toilet blocks all ready to host this tournament in July.

At RTAC we are fortunate enough that we have been moved to a bigger area with more space for everything from car parking to tent area, so if my calculations are correct we could be looking at our archery range having up to 40 target bosses with a maximum of 120 archers for a WA1440.

So I'm asking all county archers to spread the word around to help me fill this field with archers.

There is half rounds available for those novice archers in your clubs that have possibly shown an interest in competitions and this year I will also add a novice category for those shooting the half rounds so it might help to encourage them.

Thanks

Paul West

**Field**

The build up to the 2021 ECAA field competition was fraught, with a number of issues to overcome. Which included the ever-present restrictions of Covid, which at the time was still causing a number of events to be cancelled at the last minute. Panther wasn’t sure if they would still be able to hold the event, having recently had new owners and finally, serious health issues at home within the family just a week before the competition.

The decision was taken to run the competition and should we need to it would be cancelled. I was very pleasantly pleased that a good number of archers entered the competition which totally had made it worth continuing through the prementioned issues. A good lesson to learn from those who participated that competitions should take place.

I would like to thank all those who helped in the decision making, helped in organising and setting up the course and also to my family who ran the catering side, who are not archers. Although there is still room for more people to be part of the work party on the day before the competition – all volunteers are welcomed.

As for the competition day we had great weather, which helped in producing a great day for everyone who took part. I congratulate the winners, those with personal bests and those with arrow head awards.

So for 2022: unfortunately, Panther have had to move from the ground in Galleywood and are now sourcing a new ground in the Wickford area. At the moment they are not sure if they can hold the Field Championships, so I am looking for a Club who can take it on. This can be held on an open field as World and European Championship finals days are held in stadiums.

**19.22 REPORT FROM WEB MASTER:**

There is not much to report really – the website is growing, we are trying to add booking so then County Shoots online and we are on about the third incarnation of the County Calendar.

If anyone can think of a single file format that we could use for the Calendar, then it would be appreciated.

Posts are getting sent out as emails (sign up on the website) and to the ECAA Facebook page (Like our page) so hopefully people are finding out as things are added.

If anyone has anything that needs to go onto the website then let me know.

Richard

**20.22 REPORT FROM SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:**

Nothing to report from the safeguarding officer throughout this year.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**21.22 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT : Richard Burgess**

**22.22 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Alex Purser**

**23.22 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Mick Pearce**

**24.22 ELECTION OF HON SECRETARY: Deb Horn**

**25.22 ELECTION OF HON TREASURER: Martin Skinner**

**26.22 ELECTION OF GENERAL MEMBER: Kevin Juniper**

**27.22 ELECTION OF SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER: Mark Lawrence**

**28.22 ELECTION OF JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER: Tony King**

**29.22 ELECTION OF FIELD RECORDS OFFICER: Marion Saville**

**30.22 ELECTION OF OUTDOOR LEAGUE SECRETARY: Chris Higgins**

**30.21 ELECTION OF TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:**

**31.22a INDOOR TOURNAMENT ORGANISER: Martin Skinner**

**31.22b TARGET CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER: Mark Lawrence**

**31.22c WA1440 CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER: Paul West**

**31.22d FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER: Paul Clark**

**31.22e CLOUT CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER: Clare Felgate**

**32.22 ELECTION OF COUNTY COACHING ORGANISER: Anna Heaven**

**33.22 ELECTION OF EQUIPMENT OFFICER Ken Haynes:**

**34.22 ELECTION OF TEAM MANAGER: Sharon Lawrence**

**35.22 ELECTION OF ASSISTANT TEAM MANAGER: Tony King**

**36.22 ELECTION OF WEB MASTER: Richard Pilkington**

**37.22 ELECTION OF SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Anna Heaven**

**38.22 ELECTION OF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER: Sean Fortune**

**39.22 Any Other Business**

No matters for AOB have been notified to the secretary.

Paul Clark closed the meeting, thanking everyone for attending, with particular thanks to Marlene for all her help and advice.

Meeting closed at 10:45